

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

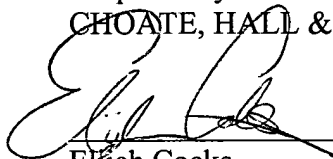
Replacement Drawing Sheets 2 and 3 containing replacement Figures 2 and 3, respectively, are attached hereto as an appendix. These replacement drawings sheets contain formalized versions of the figures previously submitted. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by the amendments to the drawings.

REMARKS

In this preliminary amendment, Applicant has amended the specification and drawing for purposes of clarity. Specifically, in the specification, Applicant has corrected the identified inventorship of PCT Publication WO 01/46721 to correctly read Popovich et al. Further, Applicant has included herewith formalized versions of Figures 2 and 3. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the specification and drawing do not add new subject matter.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-248-4792.

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